

REMARKS

Claims 7-12 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 7 and 9-12 are amended. New claim 15 is added. Support for the claim appears at page 17.

Also, as a preliminary matter, Applicants note that an error was discovered in Table 1, where a value of 300°C was recited, but in fact, the support elsewhere in the original application and claims is for a value of 30°C. This error has been corrected.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 7-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. The Examiner points to several phrases in the claims 7-11 as being the basis for the rejection. This rejection is traversed for at least the following reasons.

Applicants have amended the claims to insert the CLE value is $8.2 \times 10^{-6}/K$ or less. Furthermore, Applicants have deleted the term “isotropic” from Claim 7. By insertion of the CLE value and deletion of the term “isotropic”, Applicants believe that all of the claim rejections will be overcome.

Further, claim 11 has been amended so that the phrase “reduction ratio of 10 or less” is changed to be --a predetermined reduction ratio--. New claim 15, which depends from the amended claim 11, has been added.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Amendment Under 37 CFR 1.111
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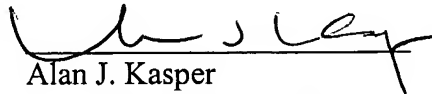
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